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MASCAGNI ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLEMENT

Famous Composer Charged With Appropriating \$5,000 Belonging to Manager, Richard Heard.

ESCAPES ARREST IN HOTEL.

House Detectives Eject From the Building the Constable Who Attempts to Place Him in Custody.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Chicago, Dec. 26.—Pietro Mascagni, the Italian musician, known to fame as the composer of "Cavalleria Rusticana" and other operas, must now defend himself of the charge of embezzlement in a Chicago justice court.

Warrants charging him with appropriating and holding \$5,000 belonging to his manager, Richard Heard, whom he attempted to discharge, were served upon him at 11:30 p.m. in his rooms at the Auditorium Hotel.

Daniel McCarthy, the constable who served the paper, was about to place the composer in custody despite the protests of the Italian. He was ejected from the hotel without receiving permission from the office.

The constable asserted his authority as an officer of justice. Undercover men, when the detectives seized him unceremoniously and ejected him from the room. Thereupon Manager Heard, his attorney, George R. Hickey, and the constable notified the hotel management that they would be held responsible for the custody of the famous composer and left the hotel.

The warrants for the arrest of Mascagni were sworn out in the afternoon by Manager Heard, whom Mascagni attempted to discharge. Heard claimed he had a contract with the composer which did not expire until February 1. He learned, however, that negotiations were being conducted by Manager Joseph Smith of the Leslie Opera Company, under the management of Millicent Brock, who had charge of the Italian composer's American tour up to the time of his financial embarrassments in Boston.

CONSTABLE'S STRATEGY.
This information alarmed Manager Heard and he immediately took steps to secure \$5,000, which he declares Mascagni had received from him. This sum he asserted had been paid over to the composer to defray the expenses of the opera company.

Manager Heard asserts that the sum was not used for the purpose intended, and that he had reason to believe that Mascagni intended to keep the money.

Some inkling of the intentions of Manager Heard had reached the hotel. Constable McCarthy found that Mascagni was barricaded in his rooms. Hotel employees had been warned not to let anyone into the corridor in which the rooms were located, and it was only by a ruse that the constable was able to reach the composer's room.

Before the composer could inquire as to the mission of the intruder, the constable began to read his warrant.

Constable McCarthy was about to place Mascagni under arrest and take him by force, to justice. At that moment, when the two house detectives, who had been notified of the arrival of the constable, appeared and ejected him.

OFFICER'S SON ENTERS ARMY AS "TROOPER LOCKETT."

Aspiring Youth Prefers to Work Up From the Ranks to the West Point Entry.

James M. Lockett, son of Captain James Lockett, commander of Troop I, Fourth Cavalry, now stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., desiring to follow his father in an army life, prefers the distinction of working up from the ranks to the West Point entry. Accordingly he has enlisted in his father's troop and has set himself to work for a commission.

To take this step he resigned a cadetship at West Point. He reached the barracks from West Point yesterday and to-day will draw his uniform and other accoutrements, and will settle down to work as a cavalry trooper. He thinks that he will outstrip his former classmates at the military school and receive his commission fully two years sooner than if he had stuck to the usual procedure.

Young Lockett is but 19 years old, and is a genuine son of the army. It is said of him that so far as a soldier's practical knowledge is concerned he now knows more than many a graduated West Pointer. Two years' service in the ranks will make him eligible to take the examinations for a commission. If he secures the necessary percentage he will receive his commission as second lieutenant.

In many ways the young man will have what many would think a "hard road to go." He will be subject to every privation and every requirement of army discipline. He must carry his own horse daily and perform other manual services. But this does not abate or discourage him. His course was approved by his father, who thinks that service as a private is excellent preparation for greater responsibility. He is satisfied with his son's step.

Trooper Lockett was appointed a cadet at large to West Point by President Roosevelt last summer. He has spent four months in the freshman class of the Ohio River. Captain Lockett would not consent to his son enlisting in his parent's troop, but he expects to leave his command in a short time, as he is slated for promotion to the rank of major.

Young James Lockett comes of a prominent Georgia family, noted for its military men for several generations. His father was one of the first Southerners appointed to West Point after the close of the Civil War.

FUEL SHORTAGE IN KANSAS.

Topoka, Kas., Dec. 26.—The coldest weather of the winter has prevailed in Kansas for two days past, and it shows no sign of moderating. People in some western counties are being put to great inconvenience on account of the coal famine.

Cattle are not suffering to any extent, there being no snow on the ground and feed being more than usually abundant.

SUFFERING IN IOWA.

Des Moines, Dec. 26.—The cold weather record for the morning, when the official report showed 7 degrees below zero. This is the coldest day of the year. A high wind has prevailed and much suffering has been reported owing to the extreme scarcity of fuel.

At Sioux City it was 11 degrees below zero this morning, but moderated slightly toward noon.

COLD IN THE SOUTH.
Louisville, Ky., Dec. 26.—The coldest weather of the winter is reported to-day from many places south of the Ohio River. The temperature reported from some places is 10 degrees above at Evansville, Ind., to forty-

ANNAPOLIS COACH FOR NEXT YEAR



A. G. CAFFEY, Son of W. K. Caffey of Carthage, Mo. He was recently appointed coach for the Annapolis football team in 1902.

WILL KITE SOLVE AERIAL NAVIGATION?

Alexander Graham Bell Now Is Working on a New Theory.

FIRST TESTS SUCCESSFUL.

Explains the General Principle of the Idea on Which He Is Working, but Withholds Details.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Doctor Alexander Graham Bell, who has just returned to Washington from his summer home in Cape Breton, N.S., to-day made the following statement in connection with reports that have appeared in the public prints that he has invented a flying machine:

"The newspapers have been premature in announcing that I have been at work upon a flying machine. I haven't any flying machine at all and have not been trying to make one."

"I am, of course, interested in the problem and have come to the conclusion that a properly constructed flying machine should be capable of being flown as a kite if anchored to the ground, and that conversely a properly constructed kite should be capable of use as a flying machine if provided with suitable means of propulsion."

"My experiments have had as their object the building of a kite of solid construction capable of carrying up in a moderate breeze a weight equivalent to that of a man and engine and so formed that it could be suitable for use as the body of a flying machine, and with supporting surfaces so arranged that when the kite is set loose it will come down gently and steadily and land uninjured. I have successfully accomplished this, and I think at the present time to make public the details of construction."

STEALS MOTHER'S WEDDING RING TO BUY A LICENSE.

Minneapolis Youth Is Married at St. Paul and Police Are Now Looking for Him and His Bride.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 26.—Stealing his mother's wedding ring and pawnning it in order to secure sufficient money to pay the expenses of his marriage, Patrick Flannery, 16 years old, of Minneapolis, ran away from home and was married in this city last evening to Mary Casey. In securing a license here the boy swore that his bride and himself were of age.

Accompanying the pair was another youth of the same age, named Ralph Brown, who secured a license to marry Mary Casey. The court commissioner called performed the double ceremony. To-day the parents of the boys are searching for them, and have enlisted the aid of the police authorities, but no trace of them has been found.

FOUR PERSONS FROZEN TO DEATH IN PENNSYLVANIA.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 26.—The cold weather of the last twenty-four hours has caused the death of four persons. The dead are:

- Matthew Zinetti, gardener for O. Phillips, 30 years old, found frozen to death near his home, Sharpsburg.
- James H. Coates of No. 276 West street, found dead in the snow last night; had left home to go to work at the Garrison foundry.
- William Smith, aged 59 years, found dead in the snow near the home of his employer, William S. Carson of Harmsville, with whom he boarded.
- Richard McCann, 65 years old, of Sygan Station, found dead from exposure to the cold.

181 Want Help To-Day.

The Republic of to-day contains the following ads for "Help":

Housework. 42 | Barbers. 16
Boys. 11 | Trades. 27
Cooks. 11 | Miscellaneous. 74

Your ad for Help, or for a Situation, in The Republic will be read all over St. Louis and the Great Southwest. And it will bring the right kind of

MORGAN PROMISES COAL TO TENANT WHO SUEB HIM.

New York, Dec. 26.—The suit against J. P. Morgan brought by Harry Nevelson for the alleged failure of the financier to provide heat in an apartment leased by Nevelson has been settled out of court.

Mr. Morgan's agents promised that there would be an ample supply of

MAN'S BODY SEVERED BY CASS AVENUE CAR

Victim, Who Is Supposed to Be Antony Schmidt, Was Killed at Seventh and Franklin Ave.

LARGE CROWD SAW ACCIDENT.

Car Was Going Slow and Many of the Witnesses Blamed the Motorman, Who Was Released by the Police.

In full view of several hundred persons a man supposed to be Antony Schmidt was literally cut in two by a Cass avenue car yesterday evening at the corner of Seventh street and Franklin avenue.

At the time of the accident the car was going slowly and many of those who witnessed the killing denounced the motorman and gave their names to the police in case there is an investigation.

The accident happened shortly after 6 o'clock. The car, going north, had stopped at the northeast corner to take on passengers and had started slowly when Schmidt attempted to board it at the front platform.

The platform was crowded. Schmidt, grasping the front hand rail, but before he could draw himself aboard the car his foot slipped and he swung in front of the dashboard and fell upon the track.

Several passengers on the front platform shouted to the motorman to apply the brakes, but it was not until the wheels of the front trucks had passed over the body that the car was stopped.

FALLS ON FENDER.
Many of those who witnessed the accident say that Schmidt struck the fender as he fell, and had the car been stopped at once the man would not have been killed.

The body was removed to the morgue of the Fourth District quickly arrived at the scene and removed the body from beneath the car. Both legs and one arm were severed by the wheels. After sending the body to the morgue, the motorman and conductor were placed under arrest, but released later.

The car was in charge of Motorman William P. Werry of No. 216 North Spring avenue and Conductor Samuel Bateman of No. 315 Madison avenue.

MRS. DOCKERY MUCH BETTER.

Now Has Fair Chance of Recovery, Though Not Out of Danger.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Dockery continued to improve to-day and now stands a fair chance of recovery.

The gloom which seemed to settle about the Executive mansion, continued to lighten. Some, and to-day Governor Dockery felt so much encouraged that he sent two special trips to his office at the Capitol to look after his official business.

Mrs. Dockery is not out of danger, however, and every precaution is being taken to prevent a relapse.

LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 7:18 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 4:46. THE MOON RISES TO-MORROW MORNING AT 6:02.

GRAIN CLOSED YESTERDAY: ST. LOUIS—DEC. WHEAT 75c ASKED; MAY WHEAT 75c BID; DEC. CORN 45c ASKED; MAY CORN 35c BID. CHICAGO—DEC. WHEAT 75c ASKED; MAY WHEAT 75c BID; DEC. CORN 45c ASKED; MAY CORN 35c BID.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.
For St. Louis and Vicinity—Generally fair and warmer.
For Missouri—Fair Saturday; not so cold in west. Sunday, fair; warmer.
For Illinois—Fair Saturday; warmer in north. Sunday, fair; warmer.
For Arkansas—Fair Saturday; cold Saturday. Sunday, fair; warmer.
For East Texas—Fair Saturday; warmer in northwest. Sunday, fair.
For West Texas—Fair Saturday; warmer in north. Sunday, fair.

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31. Mississippi Valley Leads Local Security.
32. Will Street Surprisingly Buoyant.
33. Chicago Grain Market.
34. Weekly Bank Statement.
35. Local Grains Slightly Higher.
36. Summary of St. Louis Markets.
37. Of Interest to Women.
38. Actor Will Sue Texas Hotel.
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ACTRESS WHO DROVE PRINCESS FROM THE COURT OF SAXONY.



FRAULEIN RASTE, Upon whom the Crown Prince of Saxony lavished so much attention that it led to one of the greatest court scandals which has stirred Europe in recent years.

ROOSEVELT'S IDEA ADOPTED IN VENEZUELAN QUARREL.

Allies and Castro's Government All Agree to Submit Their Differences to The Hague Tribunal—Understanding Is That the Blockade Will Be Raised, Though This Has Not Yet Been Arranged, and That Some Money Must Be Paid in Advance of Actual Arbitration.

MONROE DOCTRINE NOT INVOLVED UNLESS VENEZUELA WISHES

Washington, Dec. 26.—President Roosevelt will not be the arbitrator of the Venezuelan controversy.

The whole vexatious subject will be referred for adjudication to The Hague tribunal.

Epitomized, this was the situation as it had resolved itself at the conclusion of the Cabinet meeting to-day.

The meeting was not so long as the seasons usually are. All the members except Secretary Root were present.

The Venezuelan question was the principal and practically the only topic of general concern under consideration. Secretary Hay presented the net results of his cable correspondence with the Governments at London, Berlin, Rome and Caracas.

In accordance with the suggestion made by President Roosevelt, through Secretary Hay, President Castro was reported to have agreed to submit the differences to the arbitration of the tribunal at The Hague.

ALLIES SUBMIT.
The European Powers not only consent to submit the controversy to arbitration, but while they had expressed a preference for an arbitration to be conducted by President Roosevelt, they had assented to his suggestion that the matter be referred to The Hague.

The presentation of the case met the hearty approval of the Cabinet.

No fear is expressed by the administration that the Monroe Doctrine will be brought into the controversy in any manner that might result in embarrassment for the United States.

At the same time, it is acknowledged, quite unofficially, that Venezuela could create an awkward situation if it should offer a coalition statement in settlement of German or British claims. This would necessarily evoke a protest from the United States, as an infringement of the Monroe Doctrine.

Whether The Hague tribunal would be ready to acknowledge the weight of the United States' arguments on this point is certainly problematical.

Secretary Hay is preparing a note to the Powers in which the gratification of the Government is expressed for the course agreed on.

No intimation is given of the conditions which may have been imposed by the European Powers or by President Castro present to the arbitration.

It is known that Great Britain was willing to submit the subject to the arbitration of President Roosevelt, practically without suggestion, but the suggestion is made that one, and perhaps two, other Powers involved have some matters which might have proven embarrassing to the President had he undertaken the responsibility of determining the question.

It is understood that some money must pass, but it is also known that the amount of cash to be required of Venezuela before arbitration is not nearly so large as has been stated.

It is not possible to learn either whether the allies insist on apologies from Castro, and while it is assumed that the blockade will be speedily raised, no arrangement to that end has yet been made.

VENEZUELAN DIPLOMAT EXPLAINS HIS VIEW OF QUESTIONS AT ISSUE.

BY AUGUSTO F. FULIDO, Charge d'Affaires, Venezuelan Legation.

To the Editor of The Republic.
Washington, Dec. 26.—The comments made by a small party of the American press in reference to the present conflict between Venezuela and some of the leading European countries oblige me to request the courtesy of your important paper to put this matter in the proper light.

It seems to me that there is a general misunderstanding about the real reasons of the unjust aggression against my country headed by Germany and Great Britain. In reality, Venezuela has never repudiated her obligations to foreign creditors nor ignored the claims of foreign Powers on behalf of their subjects on account of alleged damages suffered by them under the necessary hardships which accompany a state of internal war.

BOLD IMPERSONATOR AMAZES SOCIETY

Man Who Posed as Governor Beckham and Getting Money Under False Pretense Is the Sensation of the Winter Residents. The Impostor Arrived Here on December 23 and Registered at the Palm Hotel at J. C. W. Beckham, Frankfurt, Ky.

TELEGRAMS HELPED SCHEME.

Received One Apparently From President Roosevelt and Sent One Reprieving a Prisoner—How He Was Discovered.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Miami, Fla., Dec. 26.—The arrest here yesterday of a man who refuses to disclose his identity for masquerading as Governor Beckham and getting money under false pretense is the sensation of the winter residents. The impostor arrived here on December 23 and registered at the Palm Hotel at J. C. W. Beckham, Frankfurt, Ky.

Almost everything in sight was his, so pleased were the people with the glib-tongued stranger. Real estate men introduced themselves to show him about, and he spoke very decidedly of purchasing a winter home here two blocks from one of Mr. Beckham's houses.

He is evidently a Kentuckian, as he was very familiar with Governor Beckham's ways, his family, etc., and his knowledge of this added him in his deception. It is not known how much money he secured on checks cashed. Telegrams were received from various Kentucky points to-day making inquiry, but none gave any clue to his identity.

FROM PRESIDENT.
The day after his arrival the following telegram was received by him and delivered by the messenger boy:

White House, Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Hon. C. Beckham, Miami, Fla.: Your telegram received. The President will be pleased to see you Saturday next at 10 a. m. GEORGE B. CORTELYOU, "Secretary."

The man used this to good advantage. After this he was more of a lion than ever and seemed to have opened the attention that was shown him.

Four days ago he sent the following message: Miami, Fla., Dec. 22, 1902.—Peck Jackson, Sheriff, Clinton, Ky.: I commute the sentence of James Kelly to life imprisonment. Officially signed in the name of the Governor, "J. C. W. BECKHAM, Governor."

Soon the news spread that the Governor had sent the message commuting the life sentence of Kelly. However, there was a feeling in many quarters that there was something wrong in the matter.

A telegram sending the message commuting the death sentence the man secured a carriage and invited some of his new-made friends to drive with him to Coconut Grove, which they did. Arriving there, they put up at the Ponce de Leon. After the party left, the following message from Clinton, Ky., was received by Manager McDonald:

"Yours to Peck Jackson undelivered. Party unknown here."

When the impostor left the hotel he instructed Mr. Muller to open any telegrams that might come for him. On the arrival of the reply Mr. Muller opened it.

The contents confirmed Mr. Muller's suspicions, and he went immediately and swore out a warrant for the man's arrest, charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses.

This was placed in the hands of the Sheriff, who drove to Coconut Grove to find the man. He found him in the parlor of the Ponce de Leon, playing whist. He was greatly surprised, he explained, that the Governor of Kentucky should meet with such treatment in Florida. He submitted to the demands of the law and was placed in jail.

BECKHAM IN KENTUCKY.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Louisville, Ky., Dec. 26.—Governor Beckham spent Christmas day with Mrs. Beckham's parents, at Owensboro, and knows nothing of the man who has been masquerading under his name at Miami, Fla.

It was said here to-day that Governor Beckham had been elected to the State but once since his election, and that was when he attended the horse show at Nashville, Tenn. He was absent then only one day.

MUCH COLD AND LITTLE COAL.

Zero Weather Was Common in Several States Yesterday.

The cold weather of Christmas Day continued through the Central Mississippi Valley States yesterday. Zero and below zero temperatures were reported from many towns in Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska, while south of the Ohio River the thermometer showed a range from 6 degrees above zero at Evansville, Ind., to 48 at Galveston, Tex., and 53 at Corpus Christi, Tex.

Hutchinson, Kas., reported the coldest weather in years, the thermometer registering 5 and 6 degrees below zero. The Ohio along the Mississippi River, where the mercury hovered near the zero mark.

At Lincoln, Neb., the reading was 8 degrees below zero yesterday morning, but over the State it was not so cold by 2 or 3 degrees.

The cold weather record for the season was broken at Des Moines, where the official thermometer registered 7 below.

The Twin Cities of Minnesota experienced the most severe weather of the season, the thermometer registering 19 below in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Throughout Ohio and Indiana snow fell during most of the day, drifting high upon the railroad tracks and causing delay in traffic.

Conditions in Missouri and Western Illinois were almost identical, the weather being clear, cold and dry.

Much inconvenience and some suffering was reported from all States, on account of the general scarcity of coal.

At Mexico, Mo., conditions approximated famine, there being no more coal for sale in any of the yards in the city.

ZERO AT KANSAS CITY.
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26.—The temperature dropped to zero this morning, making this the coldest day of the season. A raw, biting wind prevails.

FUGITIVE PRINCESS MAY COME TO AMERICA.

Vienna, Dec. 26.—It is reported here on good authority that Prince Ferdinand and the Crown Princess of Saxony and their companions purpose going to the United States, these being their probability of these facts.